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Soviets Attack West On Poland Meddling

Media in Moscow Single Out AFL-CIO

MOSCOW (AP) — The official Soviet press yesterday stepped up allegations of Western interference in Poland's internal strife, claiming in one article that American labor and espionage elements have funneled money to "anti-socialist elements" in Poland.

The media attacks came a day after the chiefs of Warsaw Pact nations issued a summit communique that Western observers saw as an attempt to quell Western fears of imminent military intervention in Poland.

The Soviet army newspaper Red Star and the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda said in dispatches from Washington that the AFL-CIO was accelerating what they called "interference" and acting as a "provocateur" in Poland by sending tens of thousands of dollars to independent Polish trade unionists.

The story also said the giant American labor federation puts out a Polish-language news sheet for distribution in Poland.

(Meanwhile in Warsaw, the city's branch of Solidarity, clearly worried by the possibility of Soviet military intervention, convened a crucial policy meeting yesterday and told its member unions not to stage unauthorized strikes, United Press International reported.)

(The Warsaw meeting followed a tense warning Friday by the national leadership of the Solidarity labor coalition, which told its chapters to avoid "irresponsible strikes for the good of the country.")

Reports of Soviet troops' movements near the Polish border persisted. Swedish television, quoting sources it did not identify, said several divisions of Soviet troops had been moved forward to the Polish border and that Soviet troop transport planes had been put on increased alert.

The reports could not be immediately confirmed.

"In close connection with the CIA, the AFL-CIO has carried on active subversive activity for years against the progressive international workers' movement." The Soviet dispatch from Washington

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In a similar article, the daily Sovetskaya Rossiya published a long attack on the head of the AFL-CIO, headlined "Lane Kirkland, the superhawk."

It said the word "detente" has the same effect on AFL-CIO leader Kirkland as "the color red on a bull."

"Kirkland has convinced the AFL-CIO executive committee to declare for the introduction of all the latest types of weapons," the article concluded.

AFL-CIO spokesman Alan Zack yesterday disputed the charges of interference, saying the Polish government in the late 1950s signed a "Freedom of Association Declaration" of the International Labor Organization — a United Nations-affiliated agency — permitting such contacts.

Kirkland was en route to New York for an evening appearance marking the 60th anniversary of formation of the Israeli Labor Federation and was unavailable for comment.

In an interview Friday with news reporters in Washington, he said the AFL-CIO established a fund that has raised \$150,000 so far to pay for office equipment being sent to the Polish union Solidarity. The Polish union, which claims 10 million members, was in the vanguard of the August strikes that led to the unprecedented recognition of independent unions by a Soviet bloc country.

The army newspaper Red Star printed a lengthy article by a Polish journalist accusing "reactionary political circles" and "hostile subversive radio stations" of "trying to sow hatred against the Soviet Union."

"The entire Polish people are aware of the fact that friendship (and) alliance with the Soviet Union are a guarantee of our national independence, of the country's peaceful future, and indispensable condition for the successful development in all fields," the article said.

The Soviet press has recently sharpened its accusations of Western involvement in the Polish situation. Yesterday's commentaries underlined Soviet concerns about Poland's strife, despite a communique by Warsaw Pact leaders on Friday that expressed confidence

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